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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS CONCERNING SINGLE-SHELL TANKS**

Reference: ORP letter from C. E. Clark to M. A. Wilson, Ecology, "Resolution of the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Observations Concerning Tank Monitoring and Structural Integrity Assessment for the Single-Shell Tank (SST) System into the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)" 00-OSD-143, dated November 21, 2000.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) staff met with your staff on December 14, 2000, regarding the subject items. At that time, your staff indicated willingness to initiate negotiations on the two findings/potential violations under the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order.

We have initiated identification of the ORP and contractor staff that will participate in the negotiations so that we can support January meetings with Mr. Robert Wilson of your staff.

We look forward to reviewing the final inspection report. Any detailed planning on our contractor side has been deferred pending the final inspection report to ensure that the staff focuses on the appropriate material. Information has been gathered and packaged to support the negotiations when they start.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or you staff may contact Russell Harwood, ORP Operations Support Division (509) 376-2348. Please have your staff work directly with Russell Harwood in setting up the January meetings.

Sincerely,

Clifford E. Clark, Acting Program Manager
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